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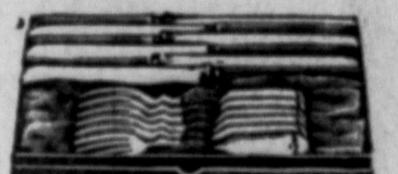
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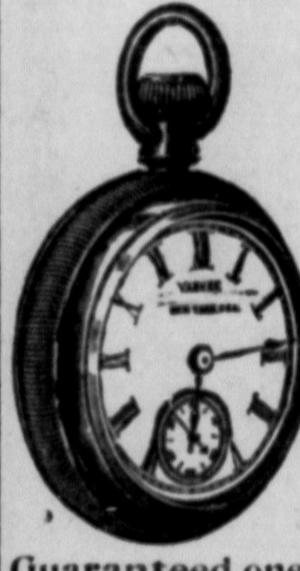


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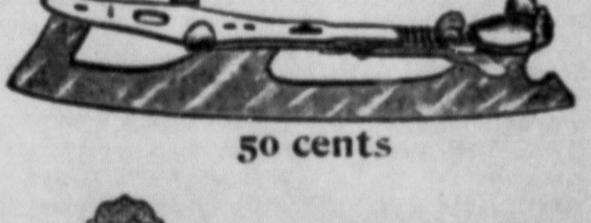


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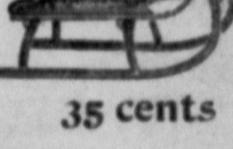
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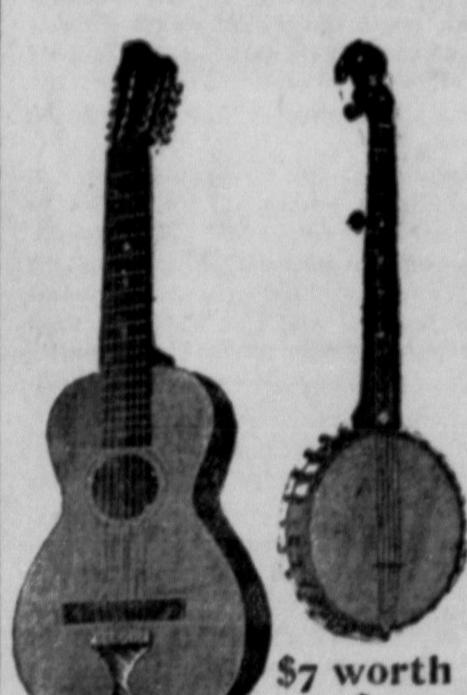
35 cents



\$2.00 worth five



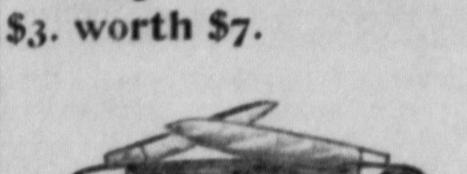
\$3.00 large size



\$7 worth \$15.00



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Ladies' handsome and very cheap slippers, smoking jackets, handkerchiefs, silk umbrellas and neckwear, just the thing for gentlemen's gifts. Step in and ask to see them at Westfall & Georgeson's

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SULLIVAN FOUND GUILTY.

Chicago Attorney Fined \$2,000 for Abetting a Fugitive From Justice.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—The jury in the case of Lawyer Alexander Sullivan, on trial before Judge Abner Smith for conspiracy to abet a fugitive from justice, came into court with a verdict of guilty. As punishment the jury imposed a fine of \$2,000. This carries with it no prison sentence. State's Attorney Barnes demanded that Sullivan be taken to jail, but the court declined to enforce this demand and Sullivan was permitted to leave the courtroom with his attorneys. Sullivan's counsel entered a motion for a new trial. Should this motion be overruled judgment for \$2,000 will be entered against the attorney.

The charges against Sullivan were an outgrowth of jury bribing scandals involving the Chicago courts. Former Baillie James J. Lynch, the principal prosecuting witness in the trial of Sullivan, was indicted for jury bribing in December, 1898. At this time Alexander Sullivan was the general counsel for the West Chicago Street Railroad company. Indictments charging bribery at other times were found against Lynch. He fled to Canada, but was induced to return Oct. 1. He declared that Sullivan had induced him to bribe jurors. He told his story to the grand jury and indictments for conspiracy to assist and persuade a fugitive from justice to get without the jurisdiction of the court and assisting and persuading the fugitive to remain without the jurisdiction of the court were voted against Alexander Sullivan, Frederick St. John, Edward Maher and Frank P. Murray. Separate trials were granted on motion of Maher and Sullivan was the first selected as make answer in court to the allegations in the indictment.

REPRIMAND FOR MILES.

Lieutenant General Scored for His Interview on the Schley Case.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles has been reprimanded by Secretary Root for his recent interview commenting upon the verdict of the board of inquiry. The interview of General Miles in reference to the Schley controversy was called to the attention of the president several days ago and he then directed the secretary of war to inquire of General Miles if he had been correctly quoted. General Miles admitted that he had been correctly quoted, but said he had not meant to criticize the court of inquiry or the navy department. Secretary Root laid Miles' reply before the president, who directed that the general be reprimanded. The reprimand is a stinging rebuke to General Miles. It is not couched in diplomatic language, but is straightforward and direct. The president and Secretary Root are determined not to allow this naval controversy to demoralize the army.

APPROVED BY LONG.

Secretary of the Navy Concurs in the Schley Court Findings.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Secretary Long has disposed finally of the Schley case so far as the navy department is concerned by acting upon the findings and conclusion of the court of inquiry.

He approved the findings of fact and the opinion of the full court; he approved the majority opinion which holds that the court could not have entered into a consideration of the question of command at the battle of Santiago and finally he accepts the recommendation that no further proceedings shall be had.

The secretary also has declined the application of Admiral Sampson's counsel to enter upon an inquiry into the question of command and had notified Admiral Schley's counsel of that fact as a reason for declining to hear them on that point.

TO AVOID EXCLUSION LAW.

Large Number of Stock Companies Being Organized in China.

Port Townsend, Wash., Dec. 23.—Information has been received here by members of the local Chinese colony to the effect that a large number of stock companies are being organized in the southern provinces of China with a capital of \$1,000,000 and upwards and stock to the amount of \$500,000 will be issued to Chinese coming to America so that they can show upon being examined by the customs officials at the port of entry that they belong to the exempt class of merchants. This action is said to be the result of the agitation for a more stringent exclusion law at the expiration of the present law next May.

OLDEST SQUAW IN AMERICA.

Nec-Se-Ga Dies on Barrens Island Near La Crosse, Aged 128.

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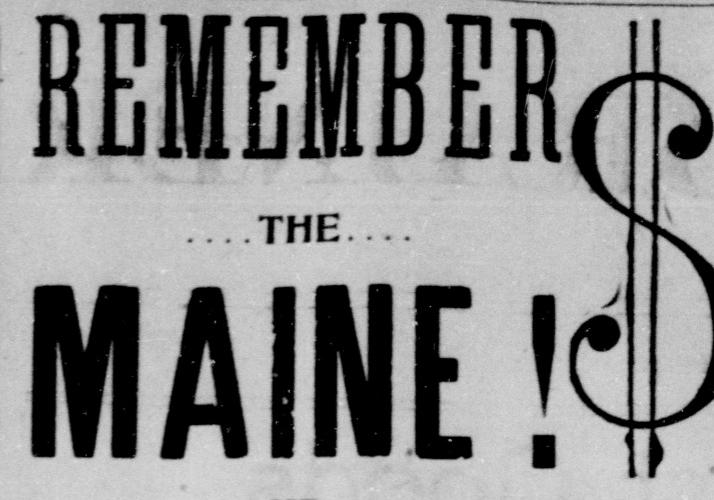
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"I guess not," he replied, though he looked rather scared. "I lent a feller \$10, and he gave me this check for \$20 to hold till he got back. You see it's signed 'John Smith' all right, and that was his name. No, I don't think he's come any game on me. He looked like a decent feller."

"It was so refreshing," said the drummer, "that I leaned up against a lampost and laughed till my sides were sore. I told the old man that his check was not worth the paper it was written on and that he ought to have known better and all that, and he finally grew quite indignant and said:

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"And that assuaged your grief," was suggested.

"Well, perhaps. At least it made me realize that I was the biggest ass in the United States."—Detroit Free Press.

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"Don't annoy your father," whispered Mrs. Noah to Shem. "He's in a bad humor."

"What's wrong with him?" queried Shem curiously.

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Mrs. Brown—Why, I never heard anybody mention that before.

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Papa—What's Johnny bawling about now?

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"You've been confounded!" I said as I looked at a bank check in his hand.

"I guess not," he replied, though he looked rather scared. "I lent a feller \$10, and he gave me this check for \$20 to hold till he got back. You see it's signed 'John Smith' all right, and that was his name. No, I don't think he's come any game on me. He looked like a decent feller."

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Miss Everett, of Elk River, has just closed a very successful term of school at district No. 28.

William Hosier killed an owl Saturday near Seelye which measured five feet and five inches from tip to tip.

Miss Georgia Clulow came home on Sunday morning from Hamline, to spend Xmas holidays with her parents in the city.

Calvin Goodrich returned to his home in Minneapolis this afternoon after a pleasant visit in the city with his cousin, Russell Cass.

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Miss Graaf left today for Luverne, where she will make her home in the future. She had a large class of music students in the city and many of her friends will regret very much to hear of her departure.

Saturday night a team of horses belonging to Frank Dudley, who lives on the Wise farm, ran away as they were going home from Brainerd, throwing both Mr. and Mrs. Dudley out of the buggy. One of the forward wheels run over both Mr. Dudley's ankles. It was feared that his ankles had been badly fractured. He was brought back to Newton Paines' farm but on calling the doctor it was found that the leg was only slightly bruised. Dr. Rounds was the physician called.

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Neighborhood Gossip.

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The two young men working for Armour & Co., at Fargo, were nearly asphyxiated recently.

Henry Becker, of Bemidji, is in jail at Fergus Falls bound over to the federal grand jury for alleged illegal timber cutting.

The Great Northern will give Akeley a new depot, a large petition having been sent in to headquarters, signed by all the citizens.

The executive committee of the Southern Minnesota Bee Keepers association has outlined the program for the convention which will be held in Winona on Jan. 21 and 22.

Nicholas Linberg, a tinsmith, of Glenwood, was found frozen to death four miles south of town, by the edge of a woods. He was found accidentally by hunters. He has no relatives there.

A destructive fire occurred in Ward & Cadwell company's department store at Fairmont. The loss is \$10,000, principally in furniture and groceries. The insurance is \$5,000.

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Weather.

Cloudy tonight with possible snow.
Fair tomorrow.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

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Mrs. F. W. Hall and son of Aitkin, were guests in the city today.

Roy Leak left for Pequot this afternoon. He will return tomorrow morning.

County Auditor C. E. Griffith, of Walker, was in the city this morning on business.

There was a very interesting meeting of the Brainerd Court, Catholic Order of Foresters, yesterday afternoon.

Edgar Parks arrived home Saturday from the university at Minneapolis to visit with his parents through the holidays.

F. S. Johns, who has been on the road as traveling representative for Stone, Ordean, Wells & Co., has resigned his position and returned to his home in Duluth.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Frater and daughter, arrived in the city this morning from Spokane, Wash., and they will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. John T. Frater.

Mrs. Chas. Grennell arrived in the city last night from Oakland, Cal., for an extended visit with her brothers, Chas. and Ike White. She has not visited Brainerd in many years.

Yesterday afternoon the young son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Low was taken sick with diphtheria. The house has been quarantined and the genial city clerk will be kept from his "own fireside" for a few days.

A few days ago Manager Walker, of the Brainerd telephone exchange had the misfortune to have one of the toes of his left foot crushed to the extent that it had to be entirely amputated. He will not be able to be at his desk for sometime as it is a very painful bruise.

Sheriff Hardy, of Walker, was a guest in the city this afternoon.

Attorney Geo. H. Spear, of Grand Rapids, was in the city this morning on business.

Miss Everett, of Elk River, has just closed a very successful term of school at district No. 28.

William Hosier killed an owl Saturday near Seelye which measured five feet and five inches from tip to tip.

Miss Georgia Clulow came home on Sunday morning from Hamline, to spend Xmas holidays with her parents in the city.

Calvin Goodrich returned to his home in Minneapolis this afternoon after a pleasant visit in the city with his cousin, Russell Cass.

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Mrs. Clulow preached at Pillager and Motley, on Sunday. She is remaining at Pillager to assist in a Xmas entertainment given by the Sunday school there tonight.

F. K. Jewett arrived in the city yesterday from Duluth and has taken a position on the road for Stone, Ordean & Wells, to succeed Fred S. Johns who has returned to Duluth.

Miss Graaf left today for Luverne, where she will make her home in the future. She had a large class of music students in the city and many of her friends will regret very much to hear of her departure.

Saturday night a team of horses belonging to Frank Dudley, who lives on the Wise farm, ran away as they were going home from Brainerd, throwing both Mr. and Mrs. Dudley out of the buggy. One of the forward wheels run over both Mr. Dudley's ankles. It was feared that his ankles had been badly fractured. He was brought back to Newton Paines' farm but on calling the doctor it was found that the leg was only slightly bruised. Dr. Rounds was the physician called.

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The Industrial Trust Co., of Providence, R. I., began an action in the United States court at Fergus Falls Wednesday to foreclose a mortgage on the St. Cloud water works system. The mortgage was given to secure the payment of \$130,000 worth of bonds and the Water, Light and Power Co., the Minneapolis Trust Co., the City of St. Cloud and R. L. Gale, receiver, are named as defendants.

A man going under the name of Joe Miller, who up to a few days ago, was employed by John Fraser in his lumber camp, just before leaving this section of the country, gave it out that he was a brother of Czolgosz, the assassin of McKinley. He stated that he had not been home for ten years, and until this summer he had not heard from any of his family.—Grand Rapids Magnet.

There is a possibility that the far famed "Brainerd quartet" will give an entertainment here during the winter for the benefit of one of the churches. If such be the case it will be one of the most delightful song evenings that our citizens have ever had. Mrs. LaBar, formerly Miss Mayme Mitchell, is one of the members of the quartet. They have sung together for years, and have a varied and delightful repertoire.—Wheeler's Weekly.

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Lawton is charged with stealing some hay from a stack owned by C. O. Beck a few miles south of the city.

A Christmas Suggestion.

No man can make his wife or family a more royal Christmas gift than to present them with a home. I have several very cozy and homelike cottages that I can sell on small payment down and balance payable monthly in payments that will not exceed the rent you are now paying. Don't let this opportunity pass.

P. B. NETTLETON,
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Money to Loan on Easy Terms.

It is claimed that he loaded some hay and drove to town, sold the hay and pocketed the money.

There are a large number of witnesses to be examined and it is thought that most of the time during the day will be consumed in the matter.

Get in as early as you can for your sittings. A full line of up-to-date mounts at Marie A. Canan's studio.

Child's red felt shoes make a useful Xmas gift. The Big 9 have them

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Ladies' watches \$5.00 to \$60.00 Boys' from \$3.00 to \$15.00, at the "Circle Front."

Sewerage Into Streams.

Dr. H. M. Bracken, secretary of the state board of health, is strongly opposed to the use of streams for the disposal of sewerage from the smaller cities. The subject will be taken up at the sanitary conference in St. Paul Jan. 14.

Small streams are sources of water supply, and there is a state law forbidding the defiling of all sources of water supply. Ice is cut from these streams for use by the towns, even when they do not use the water in summer, and they are a serious menace to health. Filter plants are the natural resort in such cases, in the opinion of Dr. Bracken. One is now in successful operation at the Rochester hospital for the insane, and another is to be established at the Anoka asylum.

The Big 9's prices on staple goods are lower than some others closing out prices. Call and see.

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House and barn with five or forty acres of land for rent or sale at Gilbert lake. Inquire of J. N. Nevers. 3t

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POLICE EFFECT CLEVER CAPTURE.

Two of A Crooked Trio are Gathered in Last Night and Locked up in Jail.

ONE MAN MADE HIS ESCAPE.

The Men Answer the Description of Men Wanted at Bemidji For Robbery.

Chief Nelson, of the Brainerd police department, made a capture last night which is thought to have been a very timely one, the men now in limbo being crooks of the first water, who are known to have been pilferers of articles of value from stores during the holiday season, and the merchants of the city should feel thankful.

Sometime ago the store of R. McLennan, of Bemidji, was broken into by thieves and a large quantity of stuff taken, including among other things, fifty pocket knives, five revolvers and three rifles. Saturday night two of the men registered at the French hotel, one as Chas. Jones and the other as James Jones, alias James Williams.

The description of the men tallied with that sent out by the officials at Bemidji of two of the three men who are thought to have robbed the McLennan store.

There were three men in the gang and the toughest of the three is supposed to have made his escape. He was known all over the northwest as a crook and he probably did not care to tarry long in anyone place. Chief Nelson has wired the Bemidji authorities and they will probably be down tomorrow morning.

MUSIC AND DRAMA.

"SENATOR'S DAUGHTER" TO-MORROW NIGHT.

To-morrow night the Chase-Lister Company will open a five nights engagement at the Brainerd opera house, presenting, "The Senator's Daughter."

This is a splendid comedy by a good company, well acted, splendidly costumed, and nicely staged. The prices for this week have been reduced to 25c, 35c and 50c, with a change of bill nightly and good specialties between the acts.

The Chase-Lister dramatic company, which has played on Manager Walker's circuit, is giving very great pleasure to the patrons of the theatres. It seems to be the general opinion that a better repertoire company has seldom been seen, certainly not at such low prices of admission. The performances given are remarkably smooth, and there is very praiseworthy attention to all those little details which combine to make a production satisfying and complete. The entertaining vaudeville specialties between acts are proving an attractive and popular innovation. These specialties are all good and well worth seeing.

Seats now on sale at H. P. Dunn & Co's drug store.

ITALIAN BAND TO-NIGHT.

To have heard the Royal Italian Band, which comes to the Brainerd opera house for a concert tonight, and to have watched its leader, Giuseppe Creatore, is to have received a new sensation. From the moment he steps upon the stand and raps for silence and attention with his little white willow, one never takes his eye off him. He is all nerve and bounding muscle, full of wiggles and curley cues which cause his leading to look like a page of his own manuscript. For Creatore leads with his whole soul. He not only forgets himself and the audience, but even the musicians before him, and is transported for the time to the region where music lovers live, and where the audience follow.

On the table of bargains at Westfall & Georgeson's you will find suitable gifts for old or young, and at prices and goods that cannot be duplicated in the city. Come and see them.

CON MEN WORKING CAMPS.

Said That They Go To Logging Camps and Represent Themselves as Organizing Labor Lodges.

Local logging operators and employment agents are trying to figure out whether a story that reached the city yesterday that a gang of confidence men are working a new scheme to separate the woodsmen from their cash is true or is a fake, says the Duluth Herald. Most of them are inclined to think that it is the latter.

A story was told yesterday by a woodsmen returning to the city from some logging camp along the Cass Lake branch of the Eastern Minnesota road, that two fairly well dressed men, representing themselves as workingmen and members of some union, are canvassing many of the lumber camps and putting up a smooth story that they have been authorized to form a sort of union organization among the woodsmen, to join their interests and help to keep wages in the woods at a high mark. On the face of it such a scheme is absurd, for the conditions governing this class of work are entirely different from those of almost any other line of employment in the state.

It is said that the men working the scheme are good talkers and tell a very plausible story as to how all the woodsmen in the logging districts of the Northwest can be interested and brought to join the organizations as soon as they hear of it. The fleecing part of the project is exposed when the organizers ask that each signer of the articles of organization advance a small fee of 25 cents to cover incidental expenses incurred by them in traveling about from one place to another. The two men alleged to be working the scheme are said to give out that they expect to visit every camp of any importance in the northern part of the state, and if there is any of the money left after paying the expenses it will revert back to the organization that they form.

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Handkerchiefs at \$2.50, \$2.00, \$1.50, \$1.00, 50c, 25c, 10c, 5c and 1c.

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This Morning a Jury Was Drawn for the Retrial of the Hay Stealing Matter.

This morning Judge Mantor in the municipal court took up the case of the state against Edgar Lawton. This case was tried a short time ago but the jury could not agree and the matter was set again for today.

Lawton is charged with stealing some hay from a stack owned by C. O. Beck a few miles south of the city.

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No man can make his wife or family a more royal Christmas gift than to present them with a home. I have several very cozy and homelike cottages that I can sell on small payment down and balance payable monthly in payments that will not exceed the rent you are now paying. Don't let this opportunity pass.

P. B. NETTLETON,
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Money to Loan on Easy Terms.

It is claimed that he loaded some hay and drove to town, sold the hay and pocketed the money.

There are a large number of witnesses to be examined and it is thought that most of the time during the day will be consumed in the matter.

Get in as early as you can for your sittings. A full line of up-to-date mounts at Marie A. Canan's studio.

Child's red felt shoes make a useful Xmas gift. The Big 9 have them R. F. WALTERS, 6th St.

Ladies' watches \$5.00 to \$60.00 Boys' from \$3.00 to \$15.00, at the "Circle Front."

Sewerage into Streams.

Dr. H. M. Bracken, secretary of the state board of health, is strongly opposed to the use of streams for the disposal of sewerage from the smaller cities. The subject will be taken up at the sanitary conference in St. Paul Jan. 14.

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Andrew Carnegie, the library man, has given Red Wing \$15,000 for a public library.

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House and barn with five or forty acres of land for rent or sale at Gilbert lake. Inquire of J. N. Nevers.

Everybody should buy cloaks, furs, walking skirts, underskirts, etc., at Moberg's.

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Chief Nelson, of the Brainerd police department, made a capture last night which is thought to have been a very timely one, the men now in limbo being crooks of the first water, who are known to have been pilferers of articles of value from stores during the holiday season, and the merchants of the city should feel thankful.

Sometime ago the store of R. McLennan, of Bemidji, was broken into by thieves and a large quantity of stuff taken, including among other things, fifty pocket knives, five revolvers and three rifles. Saturday night two of the men registered at the French hotel, one as Chas. Jones and the other as James Jones, alias James Williams.

The description of the men tallied with that sent out by the officials at Bemidji of two of the three men who are thought to have robbed the McLennan store.

There were three men in the gang and the toughest of the three is supposed to have made his escape. He was known all over the northwest as a crook and he probably did not care to tarry long in anyone place. Chief Nelson has wired the Bemidji authorities and they will probably be down tomorrow morning.

MUSIC AND DRAMA.

"SENATOR'S DAUGHTER" TO-MORROW NIGHT.

To-morrow night the Chase-Lister Company will open a five nights engagement at the Brainerd opera house, presenting, "The Senator's Daughter."

This is a splendid comedy by a good company, well acted, splendidly costumed, and nicely staged. The prices for this week have been reduced to 25c, 35c and 50c, with a change of bill nightly and good specialties between the acts.

The Chase-Lister dramatic company, which has played on Manager Walker's circuit, is giving very great pleasure to the patrons of the theatres. It seems to be the general opinion that a better repertoire company has seldom been seen, certainly not at such low prices of admission. The performances given are remarkably smooth, and there is very praiseworthy attention to all those little details which combine to make a production satisfying and complete. The entertaining vaudeville specialties between acts are proving an attractive and popular innovation. These specialties are all good and well worth seeing.

Seats now on sale at H. P. Dunn & Co's drug store.

ITALIAN BAND TO-NIGHT.

To have heard the Royal Italian Band, which comes to the Brainerd opera house for a concert tonight, and to have watched its leader, Giuseppe Creatore, is to have received a new sensation. From the moment he steps upon the stand and raps for silence and attention with his little white willow, one never takes his eye off him. He is all nerve and bounding muscle, full of wiggles and curleyques which cause his leading to look like a page of his own manuscript. For Creatore leads with his whole soul. He not only forgets himself and the audience, but even the musicians before him, and is transported for the time to the region where music lovers live, and where the audience follow.

On the table of bargains at Westfall & Georgeson's you will find suitable gifts for old or young, and at prices and goods that cannot be duplicated in the city. Come and see them.

CON MEN WORKING CAMPS.

Said That They Go To Logging Camps and Represent Themselves as Organizing Labor Lodges.

Local logging operators and employment agents are trying to figure out whether a story that reached the city yesterday that a gang of confidence men are working a new scheme to separate the woodsmen from their cash is true or is a fake, says the Duluth Herald. Most of them are inclined to think that it is the latter.

A story was told yesterday by a woodsmen returning to the city from some logging camp along the Cass Lake branch of the Eastern Minnesota road, that two fairly well dressed men, representing themselves as workingmen and members of some union, are canvassing many of the lumber camps and putting up a smooth story that they have been authorized to form a sort of union organization among the woodsmen, to join their interests and help to keep wages in the woods at a high mark. On the face of it such a scheme is absurd, for the conditions governing this class of work are entirely different from those of almost any other line of employment in the state.

It is said that the men working the scheme are good talkers and tell a very plausible story as to how all the woodsmen in the logging districts of the Northwest can be interested and brought to join the organizations as soon as they hear of it. The fleecing part of the project is exposed when the organizers ask that each signer of the articles of organization advance a small fee of 25 cents to cover incidental expenses incurred by them in traveling about from one place to another. The two men alleged to be working the scheme are said to give out that they expect to visit every camp of any importance in the northern part of the state, and if there is any of the money left after paying the expenses it will revert back to the organization that they form.

For fire insurance see T. C. Blewitt

Coal stove for sale cheap. Enquire at 807 So. 6th St.

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Bargain Table Now Ready.

In making your Xmas gifts see what extraordinary bargains Westfall & Georgeson offer. It will surprise you.

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The most complete stock of Up-to-Date Furs, Collars, Scarfs, Collarettes, Muffs, Capes, Jackets. Children's Sets, etc., etc.

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Handkerchiefs at \$2.50, \$2.00, \$1.50, \$1.00, 50c, 25c, 10c, 5c and 1c.

Don't miss this splendid stock of always acceptable goods for Holiday remembrances.

Shoes for Children, Misses, Ladies, Men's and Boys as well as Babies.

This stock of shoes is as complete in variety, value and worth as can be wished for. Prices are low which goes without saying.

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Gents' Furnishing Goods

Would consult their best interests by looking over our stock.

YOU KNOW what we are doing in our Clothing Stock.

We'll just repeat, We offer all of our clothing Stock, Boys' Men's and Children's at actual COST. Think this all over and give us a call.

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HENRY I. COHEN,

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Monster Eels.

Many of the islands of the western Pacific have in their streams and lakes large numbers of eels of immense size which seldom are used as food by the natives, who seem to have a horror of the snake-like creatures. The eels of Strong's island, one of the Caroline group, are peculiar in that they hibernate regularly and seek for their place of hibernation the loftiest places which they can find.

These eels sometimes will climb mountains 2,000 feet high and select the summit as the place for their winter's rest. They select or make a depression in the soft, moss covered soil and fit themselves into it snugly, remaining for months at a time absolutely motionless and inert. Sometimes the eels are covered with moss or vegetable debris and at other times they are found exposed to view with their broad, flat heads doubled back upon their bodies. After their season of rest upon the mountain tops the eels wriggle their way down to the valleys and, plunging into the rivers and lakes, begin to feed upon the crawfish, for which crustacean they have a fondness which is shared by the natives. These eels are excellent eating, but nothing will induce the natives to touch them, alive or dead.

Believed.

It was a long ride through a desolate and dangerous country, and the politician sought to relieve the monotony by philosophic musings on his recent victory and embarrassments that even success brings.

"Hold up your hands!"

The stagecoach gave a lurch and stopped. The ray of light that shot into the vehicle turned the spattering rain into myriads of evanescent gems.

"What do you want?" asked the politician, with a firmness that showed that he had faced danger before.

"Your money."

"Here it is."

"Your watch and diamond ring."

"They are yours."

"I must say you're good natured anyhow," said one of the highwaymen.

"Not at all. Are you sure that's all you desire?"

"What in thunder did you think we wanted?"

"I was afraid"—and the politician's voice trembled a little—"you wanted an office!"—Philadelphia North American.

Insect Pests in Brazil.

I should take a small gang of practical coffee planters from Ceylon with good digestions to be not afraid of chigoes, ticks and Berne flies, to say nothing of the dear little mosquito. The writer had extracted during four years in Brazil no less than 200 chigoes from underneath every toe nail of both feet.

Of all the vile insects on earth the Berne fly is the worst. She lays her eggs inside your flesh and hatches three very ugly insects an inch long with three rings of bristles round the

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The natives of Brazil adopt a novel way of extracting the brute when full grown. They tie on a piece of raw pork and the Berne comes out of your skin and takes a header into the piece of pigskin.—Ceylon Observer.

Li Hung Chang's "Souvenir."

When Li Hung Chang was in Paris, he went to visit the Credit Lyonnais and showed lively interest in its halls, its stairs, its safes and the room where the bonds of the last city of Paris loan are kept. He was first shown bonds of 500 francs and 1,000 francs and then of 5,000 francs. Taking them in his hands, he scrutinized them, exclaiming frequently, "Joli, joli!" Then he finally thrust them in his pocket, saying, "Souvenir de Paris!" The governor of the Credit Lyonnais went to the minister of foreign affairs with a list of the bonds and asked what he was to do. It was agreed that it would not do to ask Li to give them up, and the foreign office refunded his "souvenir de Paris!"

Firearms in Russia.

As an illustration of how closely everything is watched in Russia, take their system of registering firearms. When a weapon of any kind is purchased a permit must be secured from the local authorities. The name of the man who makes the purchase, with the number of the weapon, is recorded. If the purchaser ever wants to dispose of the weapon he must notify the authorities and cause the transfer to be recorded on the books of the firm which sold it.

He Had the Requirements.

Wife—What are some of the requirements necessary to make a successful poker player, my dear?

Husband (thoughtfully)—Well, a man must be cool, calculating, crafty, deceitful, selfish, sly and have a touch of meanness in his disposition.

Wife (shocked)—I shouldn't think you would care to play with such people.

Husband—Oh, I nearly always win!—Chicago Record-Herald.

Voice Traveling.

Eighteen miles is said to be the longest distance on record at which a man's voice has been heard. This occurred in the Grand canyon of the Colorado, where one man shouting the name Bob at one end his voice was plainly heard at the other end, which is eighteen miles away. Dr. Young records that at Gibraltar the human voice has been heard at a distance of ten miles.

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Some experiments with artillery fire directed against a captive balloon have been recently carried out in Germany at the school of instruction at Alten Grob. The balloon was allowed to ascend to a height of 300 meters (984 feet), and fire was opened upon it at a range of 4,800 meters (very nearly 5,000 yards). Sixty rounds were to have been fired, but at the seventeenth the balloon was struck, the envelope was torn, and the gas ignited, the car falling to the ground.—London United Service Gazette.

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Many of the islands of the western Pacific have in their streams and lakes large numbers of eels of immense size which seldom are used as food by the natives, who seem to have a horror of the snake-like creatures. The eels of Strong's island, one of the Caroline group, are peculiar in that they hibernate regularly and seek for their place of hibernation the loftiest places which they can find.

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It was a long ride through a desolate and dangerous country, and the politician sought to relieve the monotony by philosophic musings on his recent victory and embarrassments that even success brings.

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The stagecoach gave a lurch and stopped. The ray of light that shot into the vehicle turned the spattering rain into myriads of evanescent gems.

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"Your money."

"Here it is."

"Your watch and diamond ring."

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"I must say you're good natured anyhow," said one of the highwaymen.

"Not at all. Are you sure that's all you desire?"

"What in thunder did you think we wanted?"

"I was afraid"—and the politician's voice trembled a little—"you wanted my office!"—Philadelphia North American.

Insect Pests In Brazil.

I should take a small gang of practical coffee planters from Ceylon with good digestions to be not afraid of chigoes, ticks and Berne flies, to say nothing of the dear little mosquito. The writer had extracted during four years in Brazil no less than 200 chigoes from underneath every toe nail of both feet.

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Li Hung Chang's "Souvenir."

When Li Hung Chang was in Paris, he went to visit the Credit Lyonnais and showed lively interest in its halls, its stairs, its safes and the room where the bonds of the last city of Paris loan are kept. He was first shown bonds of 500 francs and 1,000 francs and then of 5,000 francs. Taking them in his hands, he scrutinized them, exclaiming frequently, "Joli, joli!" Then he finally thrust them in his pocket, saying, "Souvenir de Paris!" The governor of the Credit Lyonnais went to the minister of foreign affairs with a list of the bonds and asked what he was to do. It was agreed that it would not do to ask Li to give them up, and the foreign office refunded his "souvenir de Paris!"

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Wife—What are some of the requirements necessary to make a successful poker player, my dear?

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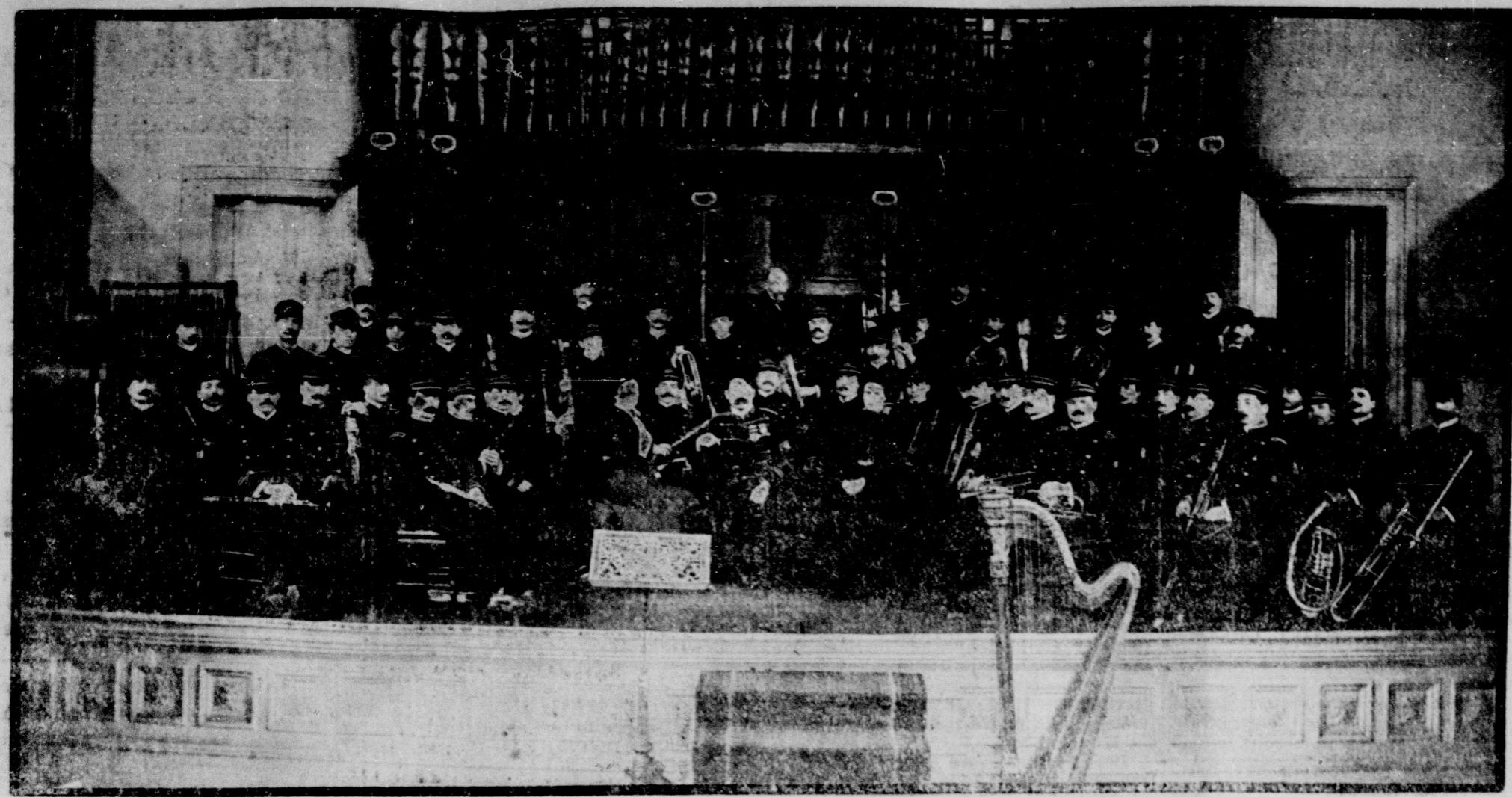
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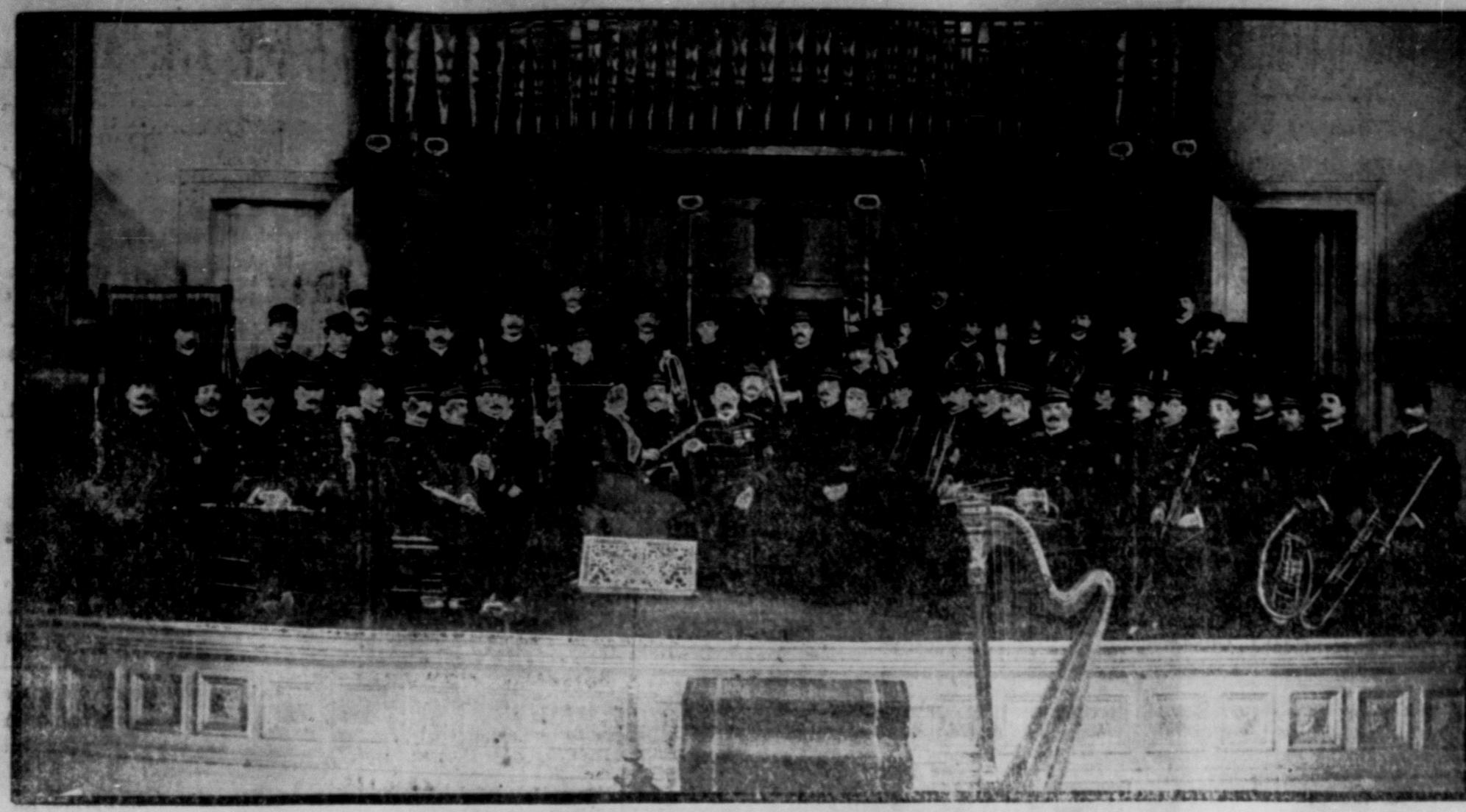
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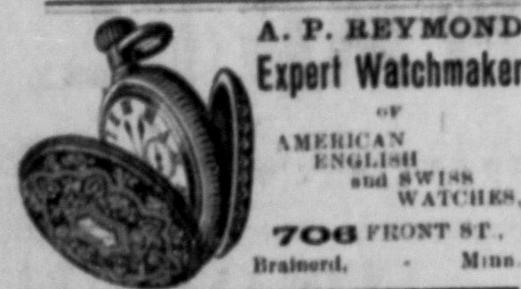
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